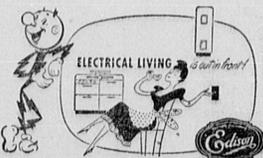




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**BROWNIES AT CAMP**—This may not be a balanced menu, but who cares so long as they have a good time? Balancing weiners over the campfire in Torrance city park are, left to right, Alice Newborn, Carol Cook, Rosemary Folts who is sampling, Jacqueline Kerr and Dorothy Dickey, all of Unit 6. Betty Brown is Unit leader of the Brownies, whose homes are in Lomita, Walteria, Harbor City and Torrance. Camp will last thru July 31.

**Former Head of Narbonne High Honored**

Miss Clementina deForest Griffin, former principal of Narbonne High School, was installed as president of the newly-formed Los Angeles branch of the Women's International Association of Aeronautics at a luncheon last Thursday at Los Angeles airport.

Local friends of Miss Griffin will recall that several years prior to World War II she took flying instruction and was one of the country's first licensed women pilots.

Installed with Miss Griffin were Mrs. Sampson Held, vice president; Miss Autumn Shade, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Robert E. Brown, recording secretary; Mrs. Rose Green Conally, treasurer; Mrs. James H. Cassidy, chairman of protocol and Mrs. O. L. Mills, board representative. Mrs. Ulysses Grand McQueen, founder of the association, was guest of honor.

**Water District Engineer Reviews Drought Situation in Southland**

By C. C. ELDER  
Metropolitan Water District

With the dry months of the year now at hand, the total rainfall for the weather year, which is on a fiscal basis, from July through June, can be accurately totalled.

It adds up to a dismal figure of 7.22 inches of rainfall which is only 47 percent of normal. Add this to the 75 percent of normality for last year and you can see why we are faced with an acute water problem made even more serious by extreme drought.

**Planning New Home? Better Get it Going**

Prices and weather conditions most favorable for residential construction will make it advantageous for prospective home builders to have the construction of their new homes begun as soon as possible, according to the Building Contractors Association of California.

"We are now entering a period of time when it is most likely that construction costs will be at their lowest mark in the next few years," said Wern R. Huck, president. "Everyone who has held back the construction of his new home while waiting for prices to drop would be wise to plan the start of the building without further delay."

"California builders face a two-fold problem in the effect of weather on construction work," he observed. "First, as it affects work on the site, and second, as it affects the transportation systems upon which we depend for delivery from outside the State of 75 percent of our building materials."

**Army Planning 18 Divisions for 6th Army**

Gen. Mark Clark, commanding the Sixth Army which comprises the eight western states, stated today that the Sixth Army is engaged in planning for its part in the department of the Army's plan for an 18-division Army.

This 18-division force, Gen. Clark said, is to be an initial mobile striking force, consisting of 12 Regular Army divisions and 6 National Guard divisions, with certain Regular Army, National Guard, and ORC supporting units.

This 18-division Army is to be fully organized, equipped and trained to a maximum extent during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1949.

The Sixth Army commander stressed that the new 18-division Army does not lessen the overall mobilization requirements of the United States, but defines in terms of divisions an initial D-Day force, toward which the immediate efforts of all elements of the Army are to be directed.

Thousands of people from every state who have adopted California as their home are expected to attend the Centennial Year annual picnic of the California State Society at Bixby Park, Long Beach, all day Sunday, June 18.

**Carnival Will Mark Opening at Manhattan**

Providing both entertainment and relief from the heat at the same time, Manhattan Beach announces the opening of its regular summer season with a great carnival and street dance tomorrow and Saturday, July 16 and 17.

Admission to the carnival and the dance will be free and all are extended a special invitation to attend and bring the children.

One of the features of the carnival will be Kiddy Town, where entertainment for the youngsters will be provided. The headliners of this show will be the big ferris wheel, miniature train and an airplane ride. And in addition there will be plenty of hot dogs, soft drinks and candy.

For the older folks there will be numerous booths with games of skill and chance to suit most any taste. A sound system will carry the music to all parts of the concession and several masters of ceremonies will keep the program moving at top speed at all times.

The street dance will start at 8 p.m. and admission will be free. Mayor W. F. Suppe of Manhattan Beach, together with Jerry Tugwell of the Chamber of Commerce extends a special invitation to all the readers of the Herald to attend.

**Ramboz Heads Metropolitan Water Board**

John H. Ramboz of San Marino has been elected chairman of the board of directors of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, succeeding Victor H. Rossetti, Los Angeles banker, who resigned the chairmanship last March.

Ramboz is head of a Los Angeles business and financial counseling firm, is a director of numerous large firms, and has a wide knowledge of Southern California's water problems and utility operations.

More than 3,200,000 persons now live in the cities that are dependent for supplemental supplies upon Colorado River water delivered through the District's 400 mile aqueduct system, and Torrance is one of them.

**Four Airports In Area Get Federal Funds**

Allocation of federal funds to four nearby airports was announced this week by D. W. Rentzel, Civil Aeronautics Administrator for this area.

Hawthorne airport will receive \$19,736 in federal and \$16,765 in local funds. This is a Class 4 field.

Santa Monica will get \$20,000 federal and \$60,000 in local funds. This is a Class 4 airport, sometimes referred to as Clover Field.

Los Angeles Airport, designated as Class 5, receives \$344,641 federal and \$292,672 local funds.

Long Beach Airport, which remains Class 6, gets \$44,972 federal and \$70,460 local funds.

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Roy Rogers, who with his famous horse Trigger will star in the Sheriff's Annual Championship Rodeo, is shown here with Sheriff Eugene Biscailuz. The Rodeo will be held Sunday afternoon, August 22, and tickets may be obtained from any deputy or sheriff's station in Los Angeles county. Proceeds go to the Sheriff's Relief Association.

**METER CREWS PREPARE FOR CHANGEOVER HERE**

With September scheduled as the tentative time for the Southern California Edison Company to begin supplying 60-cycle current to the Lomita-Torrance area, the company's plans for the changeover are progressing satisfactorily, C. C. Bartlett, district manager, reports.

Meter crews are now working here, replacing 50-cycle meters with 60-cycle ones, in preparation for the actual changeover, Bartlett said, but he emphasized that the meter is merely a device to record the current and does not change the frequency.

Before the current here is changed to 60 cycles, the equipment owned by Edison customers will be examined to determine whether any changes are required for 60-cycle operation.

**County Votes New Contract With College**

The Board of Supervisors has approved preparation of a supplemental contract with El Camino College which will help in the construction of recreational facilities, according to Chairman Raymond V. Darby.

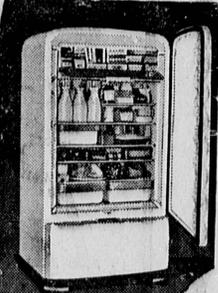
El Camino College requested the supervisors to credit the college with \$80,000 which, under the original contract, was to be paid by the college as consideration for the land. Under this original contract, however, recreational facilities were to be constructed by the county for the joint use of the public and the college.

Under the new proposal, the college offers to spend approximately \$128,300 for recreational facilities and for the county to credit the college with the requested land purchase price instead of undertaking construction of such facilities would result in an increased use by the public of such features.

The college proposes to construct a stadium, which will ultimately seat 20,000 people, ten tennis courts, volleyball courts, baseball fields, basketball courts, handball courts and playground.

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